

Commission on Aging  
Meeting Minutes  
Lebanon, Connecticut  
November 9, 2015

Present: Ellen Bauwens, Russell Blakeslee, Jane Cady, James Donnelly, Darlene Hathaway, Bonnie LeBlanc, Geri McCaw, Marion Russo, Elizabeth Shilosky

Absent: None

Also attending: Darcy Battye as Senior Center Director and Municipal Agent

Meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by Chairman Bonnie LeBlanc.

Approval of Minutes: Darlene Hathaway moved the minutes of the October 19, 2015 meeting be approved as written and distributed, with a spelling correction. Seconded by James Donnelly. Approved with three abstentions.

Correspondence: A thank you note and a letter from Tarbell Associates.

Treasurer's Report: No report was provided by town hall.

Reports:

1. Coordinator and Municipal Agent. Darcy Battye reported there were 80 participants in three days for the seminar on social security. The tea with a belly dancer went well. All van drivers are back to work. There were 88-90 riders from July to October and over 1,400 activity signatures for October. She has also been pairing seniors with similar interests.
2. Bingo. Jane Cady stated today's bingo had 42 players and there will be Friday night bingo this week.
3. Whist. Ms. Cady reported there were 6 tables for October 30<sup>th</sup> whist. The next is scheduled for November 20<sup>th</sup>; none scheduled in December.
4. Trips. Marion Russo reported there were 48 travelers to the Rockies in September and two full buses in October for the New York trip. On November 18<sup>th</sup> there will be a presentation on Nashville. There are two buses for Pennsylvania Dutch on New Year's Eve. A pot luck is scheduled for January, Atlantic City in February, an Irish program in March at Foxwoods and Nashville in April.

5. Friends of the Lebanon Senior Center. Ms. Battye indicated they are preparing for their holiday fair for December 5<sup>th</sup>.
6. Luncheon. French toast casserole for tomorrow and a full thanksgiving dinner is scheduled for November 24th.

Old Business:

1. Public Use of the Senior Center. Postponed until a written confirmation is received that the governmental building grants allow for non-seniors use of the facilities. Geri McCaw will send a certified letter to its grant writer, Peter Huckins, for a determination.

New Business:

1. Term Expirations. Ms. McCaw moved to recommend the re-appointment of Ms. Hathaway to the Board of Selectmen. Seconded by Ms. Russo. Approved. Russell Blakeslee and Ellen Bauwens declined re-appointment.
2. 2016 Meeting Dates. Ms. Russo moved to approve the 2016 meeting dates as distributed. Seconded by Ms. Cady. Approved.
3. Lebanon Senior Center Policies and Procedures. Draft copies were distributed for review. Discussion was postponed until next month.
4. Other New Business.
  - a. The Planning and Zoning Commission hearing on November 16 for the proposed 55+ housing will be held at the senior center. Ms. McCaw moved that the Commission on Aging support the special permit for 8 units for aged restricted housing by the Paradise Agency. Seconded by Ms. Hathaway. Approved with two no votes.
  - b. Transportation Clerk Position. Ms. Russo moved to recommend to the Board of Selectmen to hire Walter Riley for the Transportation Clerk position. Seconded by Mr. Blakeslee. Approved.
  - c. Ms. Hathaway led a discussion on the current practice of expense reimbursement to volunteers.

Public Forum: No activity.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Russo. Seconded by Mr. Donnelly.  
Approved unanimously at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen Bauwens, Secretary